PERSONAL USE FISHING Emergency Order ALASKA DEPA

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-RS-2-15-99 Issued at Palmer: July 23, 1999

Effective Date: 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 26, 1999. Expiration Date: 11 p.m. July 31, 1999

Unless superseded by subsequent emergency

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the Fish Creek Personal Use Dipnet Fishery from 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 26, 1999 through 11:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 1999.

REGULATION:

5 AAC 77.540 UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN is amended to read:

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(d) Salmon may be taken by dip net in Fish Creek only as follows:

(1) from July 10 through July 25 from 11:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m., 7 days per week.

Frank Rue, Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dave Rutz

Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The return of sockeye salmon to the Fish Creek drainage through July 23, 1999, is 0 fish to date. Based on previous year's run timing information, approximately 17,642 sockeye salmon should have entered the drainage to assure achievement of the 50,000 fish escapement goal. In order to increase sockeye salmon escapement to the Fish Creek drainage it is necessary to close the dipnet fishery. If sockeye salmon escapement increases to levels that can assure achievement of the escapement goal and provide additional harvest by the dipnet fishery, a subsequent emergency order may be issued to reopen the fishery.

DISTRIBUTION:

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